**The Praying Mantis**

Have you heard of the praying mantis? Do you know anything about this unusual insect?

**Appearance**

The female mantis is larger than the males and can eat them alive! They do this to give them extra strength to lay a large amount of eggs.

**Diet**

The mantis eats a wide range of bugs including caterpillars, beetles and grasshoppers. They grip the bugs with its long, spiky front legs. Then it eats the bug alive usually head first!

**Name**

The mantis folds its long, front legs together so it looks like a person praying. They can be found living in tropical rainforests.

Don’t be scared of these insects as they can’t sting and don’t have any venom. Amazingly, they actually make excellent pets!